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SUBJECT: PROPOSED WACASC ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

REF: (A) STATE 186306; (B) STATE 157486; (C) STATE 111204

(D) OUAGADOUGOU 2272

1. AT MINIMUM RETENTION OF PRESENT FUNCTIONS AND PREFERABLY  
EXPANSION OF FUNCTIONS BY WACASC FAVORED BY NDJAMENA

2. THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC COMMENTS ARE OFFERED:

A) WASCAS SHOULD STOCK FOR SUPPLY TO POSTS ALL EXPENDABLE  
ITEMS UNIQUE TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE SUCH AS FORMS OR FS  
STATIONARY, AS WELL AS HIGH USE ITEMS SUCH AS C&R  
SUPPLIES FOR WHICH SHIPPING DELAYS CANNOT BE TOLERATED

B) NOW THAT WACASC HAS AN AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE  
SPECIALIST CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO  
STANDARDIZING VEHICLES IN WACASC SERVICED AREA AND UTILIZING  
WACASC AS A REPOSITORY FOR VEHICLE SPARE PARTS.

C) DEPENDING ON PREVIOUS WACASC EXPEPAENCE STORING  
SUCH ITEMS, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO WACASC  
STOCKING FOR SUPPLY ALL HIGH MORTALITY ITEMS SUCH AS  
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PAINTS, COPY PAPER, ITEMS WITH MUCILAGE SUCH AS ENVELOPES,

LABELS, OR TAPE, CHEMICALS SUCH AS SWIMMING POOL CHLORINE, OR INKED ITEMS SUCH AS TYPEWRITER RIBBONS, ALL OF WHICH LOCAL EXPERIENCE SHOWS HAVE POOR SHELF LIFE UNDER THE DELETERIOUS EFFECTS OF CHAD'S WEATHER.

D) EXTENDING THE ARGUMENT IN QUAGADOUGOU 2272, IT WOULD SEEM THAT IN ADDITION TO INCREASING THE WORKLOAD AND THUS COST AS A RESULT OF ORDERS ORIGINATING FROM MULTIPLE POINTS, COSTS OF SHIPMENT ARE ALSO INCREASED. NOT ONLY IS THE SAVING FROM BULK SHIPMENT TO LAGOS LOST, BUT ADDITIONAL HANDLING CHARGES ARE INCURRED FOR EACH SHIPMENT. AS WACASC MUST PAY GSA THE SAME PRICE PER LINE ITEM AS A POST, POSTS DO NOT SVAE ON AN ITEM'S COST BY ORDERING DIRECT FROM GSA AND IN ADDITION AS POSTS FREQUENTLY CANNOT UTILIZE THE STANDARD PACK AMOUNT THEIR COSTS ARE HIGHER AS A RESULT OF EXTRA PACKING AND SHIPPING CHARGES.

3. POST EXPERIENCE WITH GSA INSUFFICIENT TO COMMENT. DWYER

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